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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Martin et al.  
Assignee: Maxtor Corporation  
Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR IMPROVED STICTION  
RELIABILITY IN DISK DRIVES EMPLOYING PADDED  
SLIDERS  
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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for one months, thereby extending the period of response to the outstanding Office Action from December 24, 2002 to January 24, 2003. A Response is filed herewith.

Please charge the \$110 extension fee to Deposit Account No. 13-0016/Q01-1001-US1 and charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to this Account.

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